

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 15-22 have been examined. With this amendment claim 22 has been canceled and claims 23-26 have been added. Claims 1-12, 15-21 and 23-26 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant submits that the subject matter of the new claims and the modifications to the existing claims are supported at least by Fig. 1 and at page 6, lines 12-21.

I. Formalities

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the Request for Continuation Application filed on January 6, 2005, and for confirming that the finality of the previous Office Action has been withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-12 and 15-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyashita (US 5,782,548) ["Miyashita"] in view of Yasukawa (US 6,437,786) ["Yasukawa"]. For at least the following reasons, Applicant traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 recites an electronic presentation system where "display contents displayed by said personal computer on said second image and voice display means to display said captured display contents on said first image and voice display means at the same time, and wherein said Ethernet communication means is used to transfer said display contents, said display control and said communication control." The Examiner concedes that Miyashita does not disclose communications through an Ethernet device, but applies Yasukawa to allegedly cure the deficiency. The Examiner contends that one skilled in the art would have modified the RS-232C interface system of Miyashita with an Ethernet system because the Ethernet is faster and will

ensure less delay in the delivery of the images which will cause less perceptible delay by the audience. Office Action at pages 8 and 12. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Miyashita, at most, discloses that the RS-232C interface is for transmission of digital data such as “the operation signals from the remote controller 20.” Col. 8, lines 10-13 and col. 9, lines 53-55. Miyashita discloses that video signal sent to the projector is though a video source terminal, which receives video signals from a computer. Col. 7, lines 4-12. Because video signal are typically analog, Applicant submits that Miyashita discloses two connections to the computer (RS-232C and video).

Accordingly, even after substituting the RS-232C connection with an Ethernet connection, the Ethernet still would not transfer both the operating data from the remote control 20 and the video signal. Therefore, Miyashita in view of Yasukawa still would not disclose or suggest that the “Ethernet communication means is used to transfer said display contents, said display control and said communication control” as set forth in claim 1.

To the extent the Examiner may contend that the video signal could also be substituted by an Ethernet device, Applicant submits that an analog video signal would be faster than an Ethernet device. Accordingly, the Examiner’s proffered reason for combining the references would not be supported.

Because one skilled in the art would not have combined the references and because Miyashita and Yasukawa do not disclose at least the claimed Ethernet communications and at least the claimed displaying of display contents on both displays at the same time, respectively, Applicant submits that the Examiner has not made a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

In addition, mere “identification in the prior art of each individual part claimed is insufficient to defeat patentability of the whole claimed invention.” *In re Kotzab*, 217 F.3d 1365, 1370, 55 USPQ2d 1313, 1316 (Fed. Cir. 2000).

“The mere fact that references can be combined or modified does not render the resultant combination obvious unless the prior art also suggests the desirability of the combination.” MPEP at 2100-131, See also *In re Mills*, 916 F.2d 680, 682, 16 USPQ2d 1430, 1432 (Fed. Cir. 1990) (“While [an] apparatus may be capable of being modified ... [as] claimed, there must be a suggestion or motivation in the reference to do so.”).

Although an Ethernet connection may be faster, the Examiner’s proffered reason that the Ethernet will ensure less delay in the delivery of the images and will cause less perceptible delay by the audience is simply not supported in Miyashita. Miyashita discloses that a system configured with the RS-232C system will allow for adjustments to projector 10 and for control functions such as page advance and reverse “without interrupting the presentation.” Col. 8, lines 14-22). Accordingly, Applicant submits that there is no support in Miyashita, the primary reference, that a faster connection for transmitting operational data would improve image presentation on the system in Miyashita in any way that would be perceptible by the audience.

Because claims 7 and 17 recite features similar to those given above with respect to claim 1, Applicant submits that claims 7 and 17 are patentable for at least reasons similar to those given above with respect to claim 1.

With respect to claim 15, because one skilled in the art would not have combined the references for at least the reasons given above and because Miyashita and Yasukawa do not

disclose at least the claimed Ethernet interface device and at least the claimed computer that converts said remote control data to input data equivalent to input data from an input device of said computer, respectively, Applicant submits that the Examiner has not made a *prima facie* case of obviousness for claim 15.

Because claims 16, 20 and 21 recite features similar to those given above with respect to claim 15, Applicant submits that claims 16, 20 and 21 are patentable for at least reasons similar to those given above with respect to claim 15.

Applicant submits that claims 2-6, 8-12, 18 and 19 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies.

III. Note for Record

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's contention on page 6 of the Office Action that the present Specification does not explicitly state that a communication standard may be Ethernet. The Examiner contends that the Specification only discloses that a communication line is Ethernet. Applicant submits that, in the context of the disclosure, one skilled in the art would understand that the Ethernet standard is used as a means of communications in a non-limiting embodiment of the invention.

For example, the Specification discloses that "data can be adapted to signal transmission of the communication line 4 such as LAN." Specification at page 6, lines 6-7. Accordingly, when the Specification then discloses a specific non-limiting example by describing that the "communication line 4 is assumed to be Ethernet" (page 7, line 21), one skilled in the art would

understand that the data is adapted to transmission using Ethernet, i.e., the Ethernet standard.

Accordingly, the Specification fully supports communications using the Ethernet standard.

IV. New Claims

With this amendment, applicant adds claims 23-26. Applicant submits that claims 23 and 25 are patentable because one skilled in the art would not have combined the cited references for at least the reasons given above and because Miyashita and Yasukawa do not disclose at least the claimed communications interface with a common protocol for receiving and transmitting data and at least the claimed conversion of remote control data to input data equivalent to input data from an input device of a computer, respectively. Applicant submits that claims 24 and 26 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies, as well as the features set forth therein.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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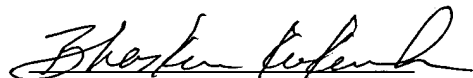
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